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Re: Congressional Candidate Illegally Excluded from Congressional Debate

I am a Congressional candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, as an Independent in the 8th Congressional District. I was also a candidate in 2004.

I am filing this complaint with the Federal Election Commission regarding my illegal exclusion from a candidates' debate for the 8th Congressional District of Virginia.

The debate was held on October 9, 2006 at 8 PM in the studios of Comcast Cable at 12345-G Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston Virginia, 20191. The debate was broadcast via Reston Impact, a community broadcast of Comcast cable channel 28. The producer of this community broadcast is John Lovaas.

At least two journalists witnessed my being excluded from the debate, and the exclusion was reported in local newspapers (copy enclosed).

This debate was widely reported in newspapers throughout the 8th Congressional District and, according to The Reston Times newspaper, will be rebroadcast three times each week until November 7th. Therefore, I believe that my deliberate exclusion from this debate significantly and adversely impacts my campaign.

I was allowed to participate in a similar debate produced by Mr. Lovaas when I ran for Congress in 2004.

I am filing this complaint against the following parties:

John Lovaas, Producer, Reston Impact, a community broadcast over Comcast cable channel 28 in Reston. Mr. Lovaas's legal address is: John Lovaas, Producer, Reston Impact, 12345-G Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20191.

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Reston Citizens Association, a community organization that sponsored the debate. The legal address of this organization is: Reston Citizens Association, P.O. Box 2851, Reston, VA 20195.


Comcast Cable, Inc., the cable broadcast provider over which the Reston Impact candidates' debate was broadcast on October 9th. I called Comcast Cable several times before October 9th and attempted to speak with Ms. Chris Whittaker, the General Manager, but there was no response to my messages. The legal address of this organization is: Comcast Cable, Inc., 12345-G Sunrise Valley Parkway, Reston, VA, 20191.

Mr. Lovaas is a personal friend of the incumbent member of Congress, James Moran. He is also an active member of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee. Mr. Lovaas is a member of the board of directors of the Reston Citizens Association. Mr. Lovaas is the manager of the Lake Anne Saturday Farmer's Market in Reston. Mr. Lovaas was visibly annoyed or angry whenever I passed out campaign literature and spoke to voters at the Lake Anne Farmer's Market and on other occasions when I interacted with voters in Reston and he was present.

Consequently, I refused to participate in a one-on-one interview with Mr. Lovaas on Reston Impact prior to the October 9th debate, and requested to only participate in a candidates' debate. My refusal angered Mr. Lovaas and he told me that I would not be allowed to participate in a candidates' debate. I wrote a letter to Mr. Lovaas (copy enclosed) requesting that I be allowed to participate and his response was that I would not.

I request that the Commission enforce 11 CFR 110.13 regarding my exclusion from a congressional candidates' debate by the respondents.

Sincerely,

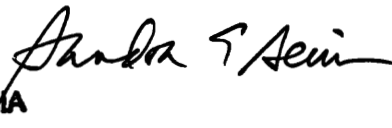


James Hurysz

Signed and sworn to before me

this 20th day of October, 2006

SANDRA E. SEIM
NOTARY PUBLIC
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My Commission Expires November 30, 2007

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October 1, 2006

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2006 OCT 25 A 10:10

John Lovaas
Producer,
Reston Impact
Reston Community Television
12345-G Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston VA 20191

Re: Reston Impact Eighth Congressional District Candidates Debate on October 9,
2006

Dear Mr. Lovaas:

I mentioned to you several times at Lake Anne Farmer's Market that I want to be included in the Eighth Congressional District candidates' October 9th televised debate on your show, "Reston Impact." I was included when I ran for Congress in 2004.

I did not have the time or inclination to be interviewed by you earlier this year. You are a close friend of the incumbent, and it shows. I do, however, want to participate in the debate you will host on October 9th on "Reston Impact."

The Federal Election Commission requires that all candidates on the ballot be invited to televised congressional debates.

Please contact my campaign manager, Kate Murray, JH4Media@aol.com, with information regarding the debate format and rules.

Sincerely,

James Hurysz
Candidate
U.S. House of Representatives
Eighth Congressional District

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Moran, O'Donoghue square off in debate

BY JOHN C. MARCARIO
Alexandria Times Staff Writer

The two main challengers running in Virginia's 8th Congressional District rarely challenged one another during a relatively friendly debate Monday night.

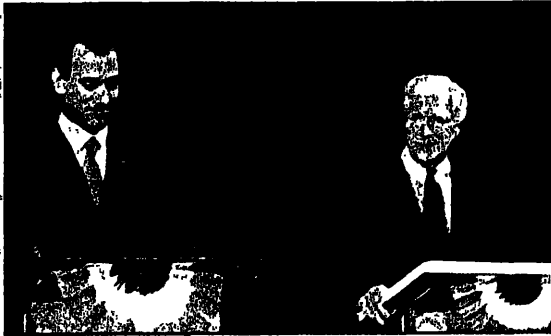
Eight-term incumbent Jim Moran (D-8th), of Alexandria, struck on well-worn issues, including his displeasure with the Republican leadership of the Congress and the White House, changes in federal education policies and the war in Iraq.

"Al Qaeda has benefited from it [the war] Iran has benefited from it," Moran said in a passionate tone during the hour-long debate, held at Comcast Studios in Reston. Republican Tom O'Donoghue, an Army combat veteran from the Kingstowne area, said voters are calling for change this year, noting he does not support the Republican administration's "stay the course" philosophy on Iraq.

He said he supports the federal No Child Left Behind Act, but said there ought to be more focus on rewarding rather than punishing schools for their performance across the many testing categories.

He took exception with Moran's support of year-round schools and an increase in teacher pay.

Moran said children have too much time off during the summer and too much free time after the school day under the current system, noting the practice of summer breaks dated back to a time when children were needed to work on the family farm. He said benchmark testing should measure a student's progress from the beginning of the year to the end, rather than a single snapshot in



Times Staff Photo/John C. Marcario
Republican Tom O'Donoghue, left, debated incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D-8th) Monday night in a rather civil discourse of local issues.

time. O'Donoghue, whose two brothers are school teachers, said Congress should not be dictating when the school day begins and ends.

"Extending the school day may be a good idea, but the school board should make that decision," he said.

Independent Jim Hurrys, who is on the Nov. 7 ballot, was not invited to participate, but showed up at the Comcast studios in protest.

"The district is not adequately represented," said Hurrys, of Arlington, who ran against Moran in 2004 and garnered three percent of the vote. "Bills he sponsors go nowhere except to a committee where they're buried to the next Congress."

O'Donoghue seemed surprised by a question about whether Reston ought to become a town and any related federal considera-

tions. "I have not thought of it much," he said, adding he thought the issue is more of a state and local matter.

O'Donoghue seized on the earmark issue at one point during the debate to question why Moran voted against a bill requiring congressmen to disclose all of their earmarks.

"Why would someone want secrecy is beyond me," he said. He also accused Moran of supporting a questionable government research project using magnetic technology. He said the research project was designed to assist the Navy in designing a quiet-running submarine, adding the technology might also be used one day to dampen highway noise.

Moran defended his local earmarks, noting the number of community projects and organizations have benefited from them.

City budget process begins

BY CARLA BRANCH
Alexandria Times Staff Writer

Get the knives out.

Alexandria's budget process is about to begin in earnest and, on Tuesday, City Council unanimously adopted a resolution that makes major changes to budget preparation, review and adoption. The resolution was sponsored by Councilmen Paul Smedberg, Rob Krupicka and Tim Lovain.

"Last year, we adopted a new budget process and these changes will make it even more transparent," Smedberg said.

Council will once again set a budget target that will define the growth that will be allowed in city spending for next year. "Considering the small increases we will realize in our real estate assessments, unless we want to raise the real estate tax rate, we must look at a city budget that has an increase of three to four percent," Lovain said.

One of the changes is to require a super majority vote of Council, or five votes, to increase spending over that target once it's set. "If we can just ignore a target and vote an increase with a simple majority, the target is meaningless," Krupicka said.

All city departments and the public school system will be expected to present budget proposals within the approved tar-

get. "There are fewer dollars," Lovain said. "It looks at the whole picture, requests throughout the father of three attend public school in Alexandria, I mean, however, there budget that rally around it the most responsible of our citizen."

Superintendent Perry presented a projection for the school board year, the school City approved \$149,873,621. The forecast is that Public School \$174,216,362, \$24.3 million increase, nearly additions required members.

Another change is of living adjustment target. "This much money," Smedberg said, did not include our original target.

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Attendance helps students

Truancy in Alexandria

BY KARA URBANSKI
Alexandria Times Special Writer

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on truancy in Alexandria.

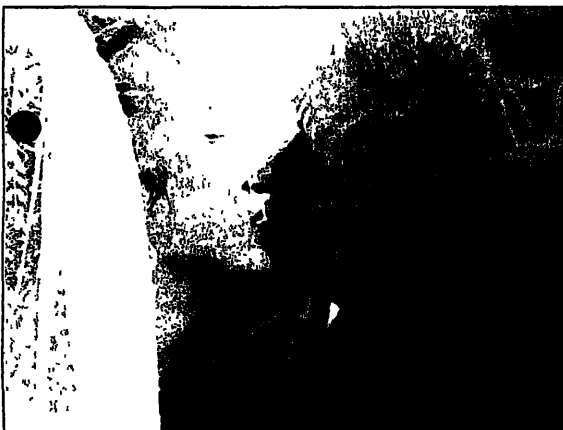
Alexandria City schools and community agencies, such as social services and the mental health departments, have formed a tight bond in the past several years to fight a growing truancy problem.

Alexandria has one of the highest truancy rates in Virginia, as

compared to the state. Much of it is due not from students going to school, but home to take care of siblings, school or family issues. Officials at schools and community agencies work together to help their families stay in school. But community intervention is a student to go to system steps in.

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A wedding on the run



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith sharing their first kiss as a married couple.

Most brides spend the hours before their weddings in saunas, but Army Col. Cherry Gaffney isn't like most brides. She and her fiancé, Col. Louis Smith, ran the Army Ten-Miler in their wedding attire.

She wore a handmade chapel-length veil of French lace, white running shorts and sports bra. He wore a traditional tuxedo jacket with formal shirt and tie and running shorts with satin stripes down the sides.

"When we started planning the wedding, I wanted to do something really special," Gaffney said. "Running is very important to both of us and the Army Ten-Miler is particularly important because it was the first public race I ever ran. Most of the people we know are military and many of them were planning to participate in the race. It was just a natural thing to do."

After the race, which the couple

